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A. Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule.....	\$10	\$1.00
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D. Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled).....	18	1.50
SHERRIES.		
A. Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule.....	6	0.50
B. Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule	7.50	0.75
C. Manzanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule.....	10	1.00
CC. Superior Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule.....	10	1.10
D. Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice old Wine, White Seal Capsule.....	12	1.10
E. Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bot- tled).....	14	1.25
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	1 doz.	3 doz.
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CLARETS.		
A. Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule.....	4	\$4.50
B. St. Estephe, Red Capsule.....	4.50	5.00
C. St. Julien, Red Capsule.....	7	7.50
D. La Rose, Red Capsule.....	11	12.00

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	Per Case	Per Bot.
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B. Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule.....	15	1.40
C. Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule.....	20	1.75
D. Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1875 Vintage, Red Capsule.....	30	2.50

SCOTCH WHISKY.		
A. Thorne's Blend, White Cap- sule.....	8	0.75
B. Watson's Old Blend, White Capsule.....	8	0.75
C. Watson's Old Blend, White Capsule.....	8	0.75
D. Watson's Old Blend, White Capsule.....	8	0.75
E. Watson's Old Blend, White Capsule.....	8	0.75

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A. John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule.....	8	0.75
B. John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule.....	10	1.00
C. John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule.....	12	1.10
D. John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule.....	12	1.10

GIN.		
A. Fine Old Tom, White Cap- sule.....	4.50	0.40
B. Fine Unwaxed, White Capsule.....	4.50	0.40
C. Fine A. V. H. Co. V.O. V.S.	4.50	0.50

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Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule.....	10	1.00
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On board the Messageries Maritimes steam-
ship Yarra, in Hongkong harbour on May 4th,
WILLIAM FORBES, late of Tientsin, aged 55
years.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1892.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING
CONSOLIDATION MUDDLE.A GREATER travesty of law and justice
than was exhibited at the Marine Magis-
trate's Court on Wednesday the 20th ult.,
has never been witnessed in this colony.
The occasion was the prosecution, under
the provisions of the Merchant Shipping
Consolidation Ordinance of 1891, of five Chi-
nese so-called captains of steam-launches,
for leaving the waters of the colony with-
out a port clearance. Mr. R. M. RUMSEY,
R.N., Harbour Master, was on the bench,
and, as we shall presently show, played
the rôle of a modern Justice Shallow to
perfection. Why these five Chinese sailors,
who were simply carrying out the orders
of their employers, should have been
placed in the dock instead of the owners
of the steam-launches, is a conundrum
which we leave the expert who drafted
the most ridiculous ordinance in the
Hongkong statute book to explain. And
why the masters of the launches of Messrs.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. and Messrs.
BLACKHEAD & Co., were left off with a
caution whilst the skipper of a Chinese-
owned craft was fined five dollars, with
the alternative of seven days' imprison-
ment, the Marine Magistrate will no doubt
have an opportunity of explaining and
justifying later on. It would appear from
the published reports of the proceedings
at the Harbour Office that these helpless
Chinese sailors, who were in no sense free
agents in the alleged infringement of the
ordinance, were prosecuted under section
13, which says: "No such ship (a steam-
ship under 60 tons) shall leave the waters
of the colony without a clearance or a
special permit, unless the safety of the
vessel, through stress of weather, shall
render it necessary, and in such case she
shall return to her former anchorage when
the necessity for leaving it shall have
ceased."In the five prosecution, of Chinese
now under review, it is in evidence that
each and every "Man-Jack" of them only
obeyed the instructions of his employers,
or of their employers. For instance,
in the case of JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.'s
launch, Mr. G. T. VETTER, a sporting
assistant in that eminent firm, wished to
take a couple of friends on a shooting
excursion to Castle Peak Bay, and he
accordingly told the "Number One" in
charge of the launch, to proceed to that
locality, and the man naturally obeyed
orders. If he had refused he would
have been discharged, or prosecuted
in the police court for disobeying his
master. And under this idiotic section
of the law and merely did what he was
told, is liable to a penalty of \$200, with
the alternative of six months' imprison-
ment, with or without hard labour, whilst
the persons actually responsible, the employers
who gave the orders, are actually allowed
to go "scot-free." Is there any sense or
any reason in job-sided legislation of
this sort? If there is, we shall be grateful
to anybody who will explain in what
direction we are likely to find either of
these virtues. That the Marine Magistrate
was himself entirely ignorant of the pro-
visions of the ordinance was palpably
displayed when he informed the defendants
they were liable to a penalty of \$200; the
truth being (vide sub-section 17 of section
7) that the penalty for an infringement of this
sub-section is, as above stated, a fine of
\$200, or six months' imprisonment. That
the Marine Magistrate knew nothing of
legal procedure, in a court of justice, was
equally apparent when he dismissed three
out of the five defendants with a caution
"in consideration of ignorance of a law
which was newly made." One of the
oldest legal axioms is *Ignorantia juris
excusat*—ignorance of the law is
no excuse—but, as a matter of
fact, this law is supposed to have been in
operation since the 1st January,
1892, although until Mr. RUMSEY's arrival
in the colony a few weeks ago no attempt
whatever had been made to enforce
regulations which on every side were
voted childish and quite uncalculated for.
Why the Marine Magistrate should find
one of the non-permit men and merely
caution the others, although all were
exactly in the same position, is only
another instance of the most unsatisfactory
manner in which justice is administered in
the minor courts of the colony.It is a standing rule in Britain and in all
British colonies that men who make the
laws should not be permitted to administerthem, and it requires no argument to show
the wisdom of this practice. Now, unless
we are misinformed, Mr. R. M. RUMSEY,
R.N., drafted in the new Shipping Ordinance
the sections referring to steam-launches
which have caused so much vexatious
discussion and trouble; and if our
assumption is correct, this official is
certainly very much out of place in
publicly adjudicating in what is supposed
to be a court of justice under the provisions
of a law of his own making, which he
can construe to mean anything he thinks
fit. As an old writer says—the law is most
worthy of approval when it is confirmed
by reason; and therefore the first thing
a judge ought to do is to consider the
reason of the case, for nothing is good law
that is not reason. Did the Marine
Magistrate study either law, commonsense
or reason in this prosecution of the 20th
ult.? We say nothing about the
irregularities permitted in court, as he
probably meant well in allowing a certain
latitude to persons who were indirectly
interested in the matters at issue; but his
Worship's remarks were very wide of the
mark and we really cannot see how his
decisions can be justified. To paraphrase
Shakespeare—But is this law?
Ay, marry is't! Marine Court law.Two things are urgently required in
Hongkong to remove a well-grounded
dissatisfaction that is all but universal.
They are the wiping out of the objection-
able and nonsensical clauses in the
Shipping Ordinance affecting steam-launches,
and the abolition of the Marine Magis-
trate's court. The Harbour Master has
quite enough to do to attend to his duties
connected with harbour affairs, and the
Magistracy is the proper place for the
trial of all minor offences in the
colony's jurisdiction, excepting, of course,
technical inquiries into collisions, losses at
sea, &c. We pay two Police Magistrates
very liberal salaries, and yet Mr. A. G.
WINE managed without trouble to do the
entire work himself and finish almost
always before noon. A Marine
Magistrate's Court, with a judge who
knows nothing of the law, is an anomaly
that should not be longer tolerated in this
colony. We commend these remarks and
suggestions to the consideration of
Governor Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, and of
the unofficial members of the Legislative
Council, who are the recognized guardians
of public rights and interests.

TELEGRAMS.

AMERICA AND SILVER LEGISLATION.

LONDON, 30th April.
It is understood that the Leaders of both
parties in the United States Congress have
decided that there shall be no legislation on the
Silver question, during the present session.

SEIZURE OF BOMBS.

An extensive seizure of bombs has taken
place at Rastchek.

DYNAMITE OUTRAGE IN FRANCE.

Another disastrous dynamite outrage has
taken place in Paris.CONTINUED TROUBLE ON THE WEST
"COAST OF AFRICA."The Dahomeyans are now closing on Porto
Novo, and an attack on that town is imminent.THE HOME RULE PRINCIPLE
REJECTED.May 2nd.
A motion brought forward in the House of
Commons proposing the establishment of a sepa-
rate Parliament for Ireland, Scotland and Wales,
was rejected.

MRS. OSBORNE.

Mrs. Osborne has been released from prison.

(Special to Hongkong Telegraph.)

SHANGHAI SPRING RACE
MEETING.

SECOND DAY.—TUESDAY, MAY 3RD.

The CHU-KA-ZA CUP, value, Tls. 100, for China
Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners
of one race since 1st October, 1891, 7lbs.
extra; two or more races, 10lbs extra;
entrance, Tls. 5. Half-a-Mile.

Mr. Sassoon's br. Primrose, 11st. 1lb. 1

Time 3 min. 13 sec.

The LADIES PURSE, value, for China Ponies;
weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls.
5. One Mile and a Quarter.

Mr. Sassoon's ch. Lightning, 10st. 1lb. 1

Time 5 min. 11 sec.

The RACE CLUB CUP, value, Tls. 150, for China
Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners
at this meeting of a Race of one Mile on under-
carry 3 lbs. extra over a Mile; 7lbs. extra;
penalties accumulative up to 10lbs.; entrance,
Tls. 5. Two Miles.

Mr. Buxey's br. Bold Heart, 11st. 1lb. 1

Time 6 min. 11 sec.

The CONCORDIA CUP, value, Tls. 200, presented
by members of the Club Concordia, added to
a sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each, second pony to
receive 40 per cent; and the third pony 10 per
cent of the stakes; for China Ponies, 7lbs. extra;
penalties accumulative up to 10lbs.; entrance,
Tls. 5. One Mile and a Half.

Mr. Buxey's br. Bold Heart, 11st. 1lb. 1

Time 6 min. 11 sec.

The MONOGRAM CUP, value, Tls. 100, for Sub-
scription Grifflins only; winner of Trial Stakes,
5lbs. extra; weight for inches as per scale;
entrance, Tls. 5. One Mile and a Quarter.

Mr. Lobbia's wh. Osprey, 11st. 1lb. 1

Time 5 min. 11 sec.

The SPRING CUP, value, Tls. 100, added to a
sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each; last Tls. 50 to
the second pony; for China ponies that have
never won a race; weight, 11st. for 13 barbs;
to give or take 5lbs. for every inch over or
under; One Mile.

Mr. Harvey's br. Titmouse, 10st. 1lb. 1

Time 5 min. 11 sec.

The SHANGHAI STAKES, a forced entry of Tls.
15 each, for China Ponies, except for those entered in the
Roadsters' Plate and Subscription Grifflins
 Races; first pony to receive 75 per cent; second
pony, 15 per cent; third pony, 10 per cent
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Mr. Harvey's br. Titmouse, 10st. 1lb. 1

The TAOTAI'S CUP, value, Tls. 100, presented by
H.E. the Taotai, for China ponies—weight,
11st. 1 lb. winners at this meeting, 5lbs. extra;
entrance, Tls. 5. One Mile.

Mr. Sassoon's br. Mighty, 11st. 1lb. 1

Time 5 min. 11 sec.

The STRATHFAY CUP, value, Tls. 100, presented
by P. V. Grant, Esq., for 10th Grifflins at
date of entry—Second pony to receive half the
entrance fee; weight for inches as per scale;
entrance, Tls. 5. One Mile.

Mr. Sassoon's br. Mighty, 11st. 1lb. 1

Time 5 min. 11 sec.

The GREAT DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH.

The THIRTEENTH PLATE, value, Tls. 100,
for ponies that have run at this meeting;
weight for inches as per scale; winner of one
race at this meeting, 7lbs. extra; two or more
races, 10lbs. extra; entrance, Tls. 5. Seven
Furlongs.

Mr. Sassoon's br. Mighty, 11st. 1lb. 1

Time 5 min. 11 sec.

The PARI-MUTUEL CUP, value, Tls. 200, added
to a sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each; second
pony to receive 30 per cent; and the third
pony, 10 per cent of the stakes; for China
ponies; weight for inches as per scale;
griffins at date of entry allowed 5lbs.; non-
starters and winners at this meeting, 7lbs.
extra. One Mile and a Half.

Mr. Sassoon's ch. Lightning, 11st. 1lb. 1

Time 5 min. 11 sec.

The "SANS SOUCI" CHALLENGE CUP, value,
Tls. 100 presented by D. E. Sassoon, Esq.,
for China ponies that have never run previous
to the 1st January of the year in which the
meetings are held, to be won at two consecu-
tive meetings by ponies, the 10th Grifflins at
date of entry as per scale; winners of one
race at this meeting, 7lbs. extra; two or more
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